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Conservation Commission Minutes 06/07/2012

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
June 7, 2012

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Chris Naylor, Eileen Coleman, Michele Durocher, Charles Tirone, Catherine Garnett and Curt Connors of the Commission. Also present were Justin Quantrini, Jerry Maloney and Matthew Foti.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

White/Connors motioned to approve the **3/15 and 5/17 minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

The Conservation Commission will schedule another clean up **Meadowbrook Park** in the fall, possibly early in November, when the frost has cleared some vegetation.

The Building Dept (in its role as official “Fence-viewer”) sent a letter to the homeowners adjacent to the Conservation Land on **Hemlock Rd**, and got an immediate cooperative response. Mr. Quantrini is present to discuss the matter. He explained that they moved into the house 2 months ago and wish to work with the Commission and the Building Dept./zoning requirements to resolve the matter in an amicable manner. They are proposing to remove some of the fencing, to provide for public access while still maintaining privacy to the home. Mr. Quantrini provided a copy of a letter and sketch he was sending to the Building Dept. A couple of board members thought that the Town should survey the property boundary to help with resolving the matter. Ms. Beckwith proposed adding some native shrubs (as a loose hedgerow) to the lawn area to help define the public access space from the private back yard. These shrubs would also add habitat value. Mr. Quantrini said he would next speak with the Building Department and then come to the Commission’s next meeting on June 21 to discuss further resolving the situation.

8pm – Discussion - **63 Beverly Rd**

Mr. Foti submitted a landscaping plan for review. The large oak that was removed was 90 feet from Mystic Lake. Some false indigo and multiflora rose will be weeded out of the shoreline area, in addition to the plantings on the plan. Ms. Garnett agreed that the plan satisfies the requirements of the replanting regulations.

Coleman/White motioned to approve the landscaping plan; motion passed unanimously.

Other Commission Business:

Mr. White reported that there will be a work day at the **Reservoir** on June 17.

Ms. Durocher reported that the empty lot across from **9 Reed St** is growing in and choked with Japanese Knotweed.

Mr. White reported that the **Hurd parking lot** project will be delayed until mid summer.

Ms. Beckwith sent a Notice of Noncompliance letter on May 25, to the homeowners **30 Addison St** on Spy Pond. There is no response as of this date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator